Resolution No.: 16-1101

Introduced:

July 28, 2009

Adopted:

September 15, 2009

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT:

A Resolution by the Montgomery County Council Supporting a Loan Application by Hook & Ladder Restaurant for a State of Maryland Neighborhood Business Works Program Loan

Background

- 1. The State of Maryland, through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), has established the Neighborhood Business Works Program.
- 2. The Neighborhood Business Works Program is a part of the Smart Growth initiative designed to promote commercial and economic revitalization efforts in targeted areas.
- 3. The Neighborhood Business Works Program provides financing to businesses that wish to expand or locate in locally designated revitalization areas that are approved by the State of Maryland as a Smart Growth Area.
- 4. Montgomery County is committed to support revitalization in targeted areas and has designated Silver Spring as a Commercial Revitalization Area and a Smart Growth Area in the State of Maryland. Hook & Ladder Restaurant is seeking to renovate, restore, and convert the former Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Station into a firefighter-themed restaurant and pub. The business will be located at 8131 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, which is a landmark building constructed in 1914. This business will complement other public and private investment in the area.
- 5. The site is located in the CBD-1 zone. Permitted uses in the CBD-1 zone include Eating and Drinking Establishments.
- 6. Under the Neighborhood Business Works Program, Hook & Ladder Restaurant has applied for \$500,000 financing to assist in renovating the building and establishing the business.
- 7. The County Executive and the County Council support the provision of financial assistance to Hook & Ladder Restaurant for the stated purpose. This support is given as specified in COMAR 05.13.01.06A.(7)

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Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Resolution:

The Montgomery County Council supports the application for \$500,000 in financial assistance from the Maryland Business Works Program to assist in the establishment of Hook & Ladder Restaurant in the Silver Spring revitalization area.

This is a correct copy of Council action:

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Isiah Leggett, County Executive

7/27/09 Date